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This is the ordinance for the conservation and keeping of the Quenes Swannes
Swannes and signettes, and of the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and of her Commons
within the Countie of Lincoln, Northampton, Rutland, Huntingdon, and Cambridge, and the liberties
and franchises of the same: And for the conservation of fyre and fowle, with the assailing of
all manner of nettes within the sayde Counties and liberties of the same.

FIRST it is ordeined and statuted, that every person having any Swannes, shal begin yereley
to marke or cause to be marked the same upon the Sunday next after Trinitie Sunday, &
no person afoze, but after as the company may, so that the Master of the Quenes game of
Swannes, or his deputies be there present, and yf any person or persons take upon hym or
them in marking to the contrary, to forfeite to the Duene. xl. s.

Item it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons beyng Swanheards nor other, shall go on marking
without the master of the Quenes game of Swannes or his deputie be present, with vi. or viii. of the
company of Swanheards, upon payne to forfeite to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

Item it is ordeyned, that no person take by no signet nor signets unmarked, nor make no sale of them,
but yf the Quenes Swanherde or his deputie with. iiii. other Swanherdes next adioyning be present or
have knowledge of the same, upon payne to forfeite to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

Item it is ordeined that the Swanherde of the duchy of Lancaster within the said counties, nor with-
in the liberties and franchises of the same, nor no other person for him nor by him, shal make no sale nor
take by no Swannes, nor marke them within the said duchy, without the Quenes Swanherde or his
deputie be present, upon payne to forfeite to the Quenes grace. xl. s. And in like wise it is ordeyned that
the Quenes Swanherde of the foresaid counties nor his deputie, shall not enter into the said duchy to
take by any Swannes or signets, nor them to marke without the Swanherde of the duchy be present,
upon payne to forfeite to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

Item it is ordeined, that if any Swannes or signets be found without the said duchy double marked
or put out of right marke, that then it shall be sealed for the Duene, and to be deliuered to the master of
the Quenes game of Swannes or to his deputie, and so to remayne to it be proued by. iiii. or vi. suffi-
cient Swanherdes, to whom the sayd Swannes or signets belong or appertaine, so that the knowledge
of the same be had by the saide Swanherdes after the said deliuey afoze the sessions of Swannes than
next to be kept within the countie, where as it shall hap the said Swans or signets to be sealed and deliue-
red in fourme aforesaid. And yf so be the property of the same Swannes or signets can not be knownen
by the said sessions, that then the Duene to be assured of the value of the same Swannes and signettes.

Item it is ordeyned that yf any person or persons wilfully put any Swannes from theyr nestes,
wherefoever they breede, or els take by & destroy or beare away the egges or egge of the saide Swannes, to
forfeit for every default & presented in the sessions of Swannes to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. iiii. d.

Item it is ordeyned that no man shall make sale of no whyte Swannes, nor make deliuey of them
without the master of the game or his deputie be present, with iiii. or vi. Swanheards next adioyning un-
der payne of xl. s. wherof shalbe to the fynder, vi. s. viii. d. and the residue to the Duene.

Item it is ordeyned that no person or persons hunt in fene tyme or in any haunt of Swannes with
dogges, from the feast of Easter to the Sunday after Trinitie Sunday, upon payne for every tyme so doyng,
vi. s. viii. d.

Item it is ordeyned that yf any person set any snares or any manner of inginnes to take Bittors or
Swannes betwixt the feast of Easter and Lammas, he or they to forfeit for every tyme so setting any such
ingins. vi. s. viii. d.

Item it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons shall lay no net nor nettes, nor dragge with net nor
nets within the common streames, waters nor maryshes upon the day tyme, from the feast of the Inuen-
tion of the holy crosse, unto the feast of Lammas, upon payne as often as they be found in fault and pre-
sented in the sessions of Swannes before the Quenes Justices. xx. s. to forfeit to the Quenes grace.

Item it is ordeyned, that every Swanherde intending to keepe any Swannes or signettes, that they
shal keepe them in a pen or pit within. xx. foote of the comon streame, or els within xx. foote of the Quenes
hygh way, so that the Quenes subiectes passyng by may haue the syght of the sayde Swannes, upon payne
of. xl. s.

Item it is ordeyned, that there shalbe no forfeit of whyte Swannes nor grey Swannes nor signets but
only to the Quenes grace, as well within the franchises and liberties as without: and as often as any
person lease and deliuey the sayde Swannes to any other person, but only to the master of the game or to
the Quenes vse, he to forfeit to the Quenes grace. vi. s. viii. d.

Item it is ordeyned, that no maner of person nor persons shal lay nor set nettes named trawels, nor
nettes called dayes, nor day with no net from the xvi. day next before the feast of saint Marke the Evan-
gelist, unto the xvi. day next ensuing the same feast. That is to wit, within the comon streames, waters,
fennes and marshes in the countie of Lincoln, Northampton, Rutland, Huntingdon, and Cambridge,
nor within the Ile of Ely, upon payne of. xl. s.

Item it is ordeyned, that no man shal take no gray Swannes nor white Swannes flying, but that he
shall within iiii. dayes next after the sayd taking, deliuey it or them to the master of the Quenes Swannes
or to his deputie to the Quenes vse, and the taker to haue for his takyng. viii. d.

Item it is ordeyned, that no maner of person of what estate, degree, or condicion he be, having any
game of Swannes of his owne, shalbe no Swanheard nor keper of none other mens Swannes, upon payne
of. xl. s.

Item it is ordeyned, that no Swanherde nor fisher, nor fowler, shall not bere nor trouble another
Swanherde, fisher nor fowler, by way of action, or other wyse, but onely afoze the Quenes Justices of her
sessions of Swannes, upon payne of forfeiting to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. iiii. d.

God saue the Queene.

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